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1. The Avala mine is situated on the southwestern slopes of the Avala Mountain approximately three kilometers north of the Ripanj railroad station. The mine is administered by a director who is subordinate to the General Directorate for Non-ferrous Metals of the Ministry of Mines, FNRJ, in Belgrade.
2. During 1949 the entire labor force was concentrated on research and prospecting in the mine and the surrounding area. Production has not started.
3. The estimated ore reserves are as follows: between 30 and 40 thousand tons of ore with average mean content of lead and zinc being 4.5 percent and 5.5 percent respectively. In addition to these, samples of ore extracted from the mine show small quantities of mercury, copper and lead-selter.
4. The mine receives its electric power from the Belgrade power station.

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